

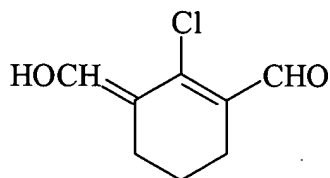
REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the present Reissue Application be accepted as fulfilling all necessary requirements with regard to establishing a filing date pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.171.

It is submitted that the requested correction for this Reissue Application constitutes a correction to formula (III) which removes a carbon atom from each of the double-bond containing side chains of the cyclic structure of the formula. This mistake in formula (III) would be evident to one skilled in the art, i.e. one skilled in the technological area of this patent, based on the following reasons of items [1]-[3];

[1] Compounds (11), (13), (17) and (47) synthesized according to Examples 1, 3, 4 and 6 at columns 36-39 of the patent can successfully be made using compounds encompassed by the **corrected** version of formula (III) but could not be made if compounds represented by the present uncorrected version of formula (III) were used. The uncorrected version of formula (III) includes two additional carbon atoms on each of the double-bond containing side chains which would prevent the formation of the described product compounds having a "resonance" type structure with alternating single and double bonds, as well as the correct number of carbon atoms.

[2] A second reason that the error in and correction to formula (III) would be evident to one skilled in the art is the fact that the present patent describes at column 33, lines 7-10 that, "the diformyl compound represented by the general formula (III) can be synthesized, for example, by the method described in Journal of Organic Chemistry, **42**, 885-888 (1977) etc." A review of this publication (copy attached) indicates that the compound described therein corresponding to formula (III) of the present patent is "compound 8" described at the second column of page 886 which is shown below:



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Compound **8** in this publication corresponds to the **corrected** version of formula (III) with both double-bond containing side chains having only one carbon. Note that Formula (III) is an equivalent, rearranged structure of compound **8**.

[3] It is additionally noted that formula (III) is referred to as the "diformyl compound represented by the general formula (III)" at column 40, lines 4-5 which corresponds to the corrected version of formula (III) having two one-carbon side chains. Because of the

"resonance" among the ring and double bonds, both the one-carbon side chains exhibit "formyl" group characteristics. Note that a "formyl" group is typically a "CHO-" substituent.

It is submitted that applicants presently intend to support the above-noted reasons for the correction to formula (III) in this patent by submitting an appropriate Reissue Declaration at a later time.

It is noted that the Reissue Declaration, Consent of Assignee, Chain of Title and filing fee may be submitted after the filing of the present Reissue Application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees

required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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